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Dear Bert:

Dr. Luigi L. Cavalli-Sforza is one of Italy's outstanding geneticists and biometricians. He is, to illustrate his world reputation, the current President of the International Biometrics Society. I have known him professionally and personally for many years and have only grudgingly given up the idea of enticing him to leave Italy and join this department. The attached documentation will give you a more explicit summary of his reputation and accomplishments.

In recent years he has more and more frequently expressed the intention of moving the center of his research interests into behavioral genetics. At least from the stand point of the behavioral sciences, this would have to be applauded vigorously. After consulting with Dave Hamburg and myself he decided to apply for a fellowship for 1968-69 at the Center for Behavioral Studies as the best way to formulate his ideas for this kind of reformation of his research program. This happens to be a particularly good time because of the likelihood that he will be moving his laboratory to Rome with the construction of a new facility for the International Laboratory of Genetics and Biophysics.

The Center has awarded him a fellowship but unfortunately his application was processed too late for him to be able to appear on the current year's roster and Preston Cutler tells me that barring some extremely unlikely cancellations, they would have to put him off until 1969-70. Partly, this stems from some mutual miscommunications about the most desirable time for his fellowship visit. As matters now stand, 69-70

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would be quite awkward for him precisely because of the prospect of move of the laboratory. Dave and I then thought that a good second best program for Cavalli would be to spend the year in our departments as a Visiting Professor. Even though this will not give him such free access to the relevant community at the Center, this will not be entirely closed to him and, besides, we believe we have something to offer ourselves as well as to get from his presence during that year.

The problem that I am writing to you about is to find some assurance of support on rather short notice that will make it possible for us to back him up in adhering to his original plans for coming to Stanford next year. He does have a rather large family and travel costs will be considerable. I therefore have in mind the need to raise \$30,000, or a substantial part thereof, - \$25,000 for salary and \$5,000 for travel and incidental expenses. Is this something that would be within the interests of the Russell Sage Foundation and is it possible for you to react on the kind of time scale that I believe you will perceive essential for these purposes?

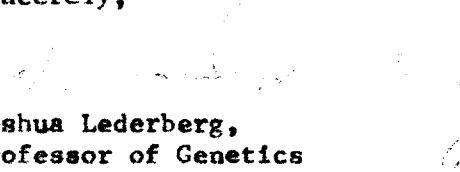
I propose to ask this of you as an underwriting in the sense that we would seek help from some other sources, possibly including some Federal funds, to mitigate the expenses to the Foundation if this is possible. Furthermore it is not out of the question that an opening will appear in the Center's roster in which case he could proceed with his original plan.

In any case, I am confident that this program will have sufficient appeal on its own merits but I realize that I may be asking for an unreasonable accommodation with respect to the informality and the urgency of my request.

I would appreciate it if you would call me in the event that there are any points that could be cleared up by personal conversation.

Dave Hamburg asks me to stress his equally enthusiastic interest in Cavalli's coming and in bringing this proposal to your attention.

Sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg,
Professor of Genetics

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Enclosures

cc: Dr. David Hamburg